

# CIVIL SERVICE FOR POSTMASTERSHIPS

Report Given Out by Postmaster General Stirs Up Hornet's Nest in Capitol.

Washington, March 19.—Postmaster General Burleson announced today that after April 1, the appointment of all postmasters of the first, second and third class would be subject to competitive examinations. Nominations will be sent to the Senate as in the past, but in making the selections the President will be guided by the results of examinations and will send in the names at the head of the lists.

Whether the Civil Service Commission under which fourth-class postmasters are chosen will conduct the examinations has not been determined.

The President's forthcoming order will provide for a form of modified civil service classification under which all vacancies, whether caused by resignation, removal or death, will be filled by competitive examination. Those already in the service will continue without examination until the expiration of four years' terms beginning with their last appointment and then will, it is understood, have to undergo the competitive test.

## Hornet's Nest.

A hornet's nest was stirred up by the announcement at the Capitol, where scores of members were in their offices preparing to leave for home. The order was roundly denounced by some of the Democratic leaders and several members construed it as a move to get combined Democratic and Republican support in a politically uncertain House.

Representatives Rainey, of Illinois; Carter, Oklahoma; Harris, Mississippi; Wilson and Aswell, Louisville; Vinson, Georgia; Carlin and Glass, Virginia; Dixon, Indiana; Rouse, Johnson, Kincheloe and Sherry, Kentucky; Decker, Missouri; Gray, Alabama; and Sims, of Tennessee, were in a group of Democrats who called on the Postmaster General today and who were told about the plan. Democratic Leader Kitchin of the House delayed his departure for North Carolina to go to the Postoffice Department to register his protest.

Most of the Congressmen who saw Mr. Burleson went on the latter's invitation to discuss the new plan for systematizing postal accounting by establishing central auditing postoffices in county or district groups. This subject was overshadowed, however, when the news of the civil service order was broken.

One Southern member asked if the Postmaster General had called them there to ask their views or to tell them what had been done.

## What Is Going to Happen.

"I am telling you what is going to happen," he replied.

The Postmaster General is quoted as having told them that it was too late to protest as the order had been determined upon, and would be carried out. He intimated that he was not the author of it, but that was a measure of efficiency and economy.

Another member suggested that the order would put many Republicans in office, as many of the more active assistant postmasters are Republicans retained by the Democratic postmasters, and still another wanted to know what would happen of the one man certified from the examination was a negro. The Postmaster General, according to those present, replied that the examinations would have to take place and there would be "no special privilege to anyone."

A Western Democrat asked why the order, if issued at all, should not provide for certifying the three highest in the examination as eligible to postmasterships, as was done when the fourth class postmasters were blanked into civil service, instead of confining the choice to the one person who happened to stand the highest. The Postmaster General said that Congress had had the opportunity of legislating to that effect, but did not do so.

In the discontent voiced by members after the conference some of them complained that the order would take out of political life some of the most active supporters of the representatives in Congress.

A majority of the Republicans joined with Democrats recently in rejecting a proposition for putting all postmasters under the civil service when an amendment to that effect was offered to an appropriation bill in the House, although Republican Leader Mann and a few others favored it.

## LONG CANE.

Long Cane, March 19.—Misses Clara and Ione Beauford spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bosler.

Mrs. Oscar Cochran and children,

of Cold Springs, spent Thursday with Mrs. J. A. Stevenson.

Mr. Evans Hunt was a business visitor to the city Thursday.

Miss Nina Beauford was shopping in the city Saturday.

Mrs. A. L. Drennan of Iva, and Miss Clara Beauford spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bosler.

Mrs. R. H. Stevenson was shopping in the city Thursday.

Misses Eva and Estelle Finley spent Saturday night and Sunday with Misses Ione and Viola Beauford.

Mr. Lewis Bosler of Calhoun Falls spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bosler.

Mrs. W. D. Beauford and daughters, Mrs. A. L. Drennan and Misses Ione and Viola Beauford spent last Tuesday with Mrs. L. F. Finley and family.

Mr. Oscar Black of Johnston, spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Stevenson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Martin and children spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Finley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McKellar of the city, spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Finley.

Mr. Clarence Simpson's father spent a few days of last week with Mr. Simpson and family.

Miss Azalee Creswell and Fred Carroll of the city, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Finley.

Mr. John Stewart of Cold Springs community, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stewart.

Mr. Albert McIlwain of near Due West, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Stevenson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Metts of near Hodges, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Botta.

Mr. Edd Keller spent Sunday with Mr. Thompson Beauford.

Mrs. John McMahan and children, of the city, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. T. W. King.

Charter No. 3421

## REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

### NATIONAL BANK OF ABBEVILLE

At Abbeville, in the State of South Carolina, at the close of business, March 5, 1917.

#### RESOURCES

1. a Loans and discounts (except those shown on b and c).....	\$219,907.62	\$219,907.62
Total Loans .....		1,007.16
2. Overdrafts, secured, \$539.69; unsecured, \$467.47 .....		
a U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value).....	18,750.00	18,750.00
Total U. S. Bonds .....		500.00
7. Stocks, other than Federal Reserve Bank stock .....		3,150.00
8. Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)....		
9. a Value of banking house (if unencumbered) .....	5,000.00	5,000.00
11. Real estate owned other than banking house .....		6,877.84
12. a Net amount due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago and St. Louis .....	8,719.56	
b Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities .....	85,798.09	94,517.64
13. Net amount due from banks and bankers (other than included in 12 or 20) .....		6,963.15
16. a Outside checks and other cash items .....	3,356.85	3,356.85
b Fractional currency, nickels, and cents .....	80.83	
17. Notes of other national banks .....		1,930.00
20. Lawful reserve in vault and net amount due from Federal Reserve Bank .....		28,261.81
21. Redemption fund with U. S. Treas. and due from U. S. Treas. ....		1,237.50
Total .....		\$391,539.90

#### LIABILITIES.

23. Capital stock paid in .....	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
24. Surplus fund .....		30,000.00
25. a Undivided profits .....	9,380.87	
b Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid .....	4,611.14	4,769.73
28. Circulating notes outstanding .....		18,750.00
33. Individual deposits subject to check .....		230,851.34
34. Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days .....		51,136.37
36. Cashier's checks outstanding .....		1,088.06
Total Demand Deposits .....	263,020.67	
Total .....		\$391,539.90

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Abbeville, ss:

I, H. G. SMITH, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. G. SMITH, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of March, 1917.

Correct—Attest: A. M. SMITH, AMOS B. MORSE, W. M. BARNWELL, Directors.

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